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In re the Application of

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LIQUID SURFACE OF MELT IN SINGLE-CRYSTAL-GROWING

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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF MARCH 20, 2006

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of March 20, 2006, please amend the captioned application as follows: